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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME – 2018 SUMMARY

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Milk production increased 1.0 percent in 2018 to 218 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 23,149 pounds, was 235 pounds above 2017. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.40 million head, down 7,000 head from 2017.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2018 totaled \$35.2 billion, 7.1 percent lower than 2017. Producer returns averaged \$16.28 per hundredweight, 8.0 percent below 2017. Marketings totaled 216.6 billion pounds, 0.9 percent above 2017. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.02 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2.6 percent more than 2017. Calves were fed 91 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

For a full copy of the *Milk Production, Disposition, and Income* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions please contact:

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